## THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown. First Selectman Llodra called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**PRESENT:** First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra, Selectman William F.L. Rodgers, Selectman William F. Furrier.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Director of Economic and Community Development Elizabeth Stocker, Larry Wagner and Frank DeLucia, twenty members of the public and no members of the press.

First Selectman Llodra noted the public hearing is to discuss the fiscal year 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

Ms. Stocker explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to solicit input on new applications for a small cities program. (Att. A). She also noted that the community is limited to one application submission per year. Over the years the town has been awarded \$2,200,000 in small cities grants.

Larry Wagner of L. Wagner and Associates said that most of the funding comes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development through the State of Connecticut and is only available to communities with a population fewer than 50,000. The Nunnuawauk project is part of a three phase program.

Frank DeLucia, 4 Hyvue Drive, Newtown spoke as the Executive Director for the Newtown Housing for the Elderly. He said that Nunnuawauk Meadows consists of 134 units that range from four to thirty-five years of age. There have been recent repairs. There is a need to update the bathrooms to conform to today's federal and state handicap regulations and building codes. The grant would start the most necessary project for the health and safety of all of the residents.

First Selectman Llodra asked about the phases. Mr. Wagner stated that the first phase would use \$1,000,000 in a USDA loan, the small cities money wouldn't be received until next spring, and the final phase will use USDA money. The initial loan would go toward road improvements.

Mr. Rodgers asked about energy efficiencies. Any appliances and fixtures will be energy star; any energy improvements that can be made will be.

Ms. Stocker stated there will be no program income generated from the small cities grant.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none noted.

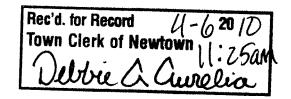
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ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business the Board of Selectman adjourned the

Public Hearing at 7:15pm

Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A: Notice of Public Hearing



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Newtown Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT to discuss its Fiscal Year 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Application and to solicit citizen input.

Standard award limits by project category are \$750,000 per Fiscal Year for Public Facilities, \$700,000 per Fiscal Year for Public Housing Modernization, \$500,000 per Fiscal Year for Infrastructure and \$300,000 per Fiscal Year for Housing Rehabilitation Programs. A community is limited to only one (1) application submission per funding round.

Major activity categories are Housing Acquisition, Housing-Rehabilitation, Community Facilities/Public Services, and Economic Development. Projects funded with CDBG funds must meet at least one of three National Objectives, as follows: benefit to low- and moderate-income persons, elimination of slums and blight, or meeting urgent community development needs.

The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain citizens' views on the Town's community development and housing needs and review and discuss specific project activities in the areas of housing, economic development or community facilities which could be a part of the Town's Application for funding.

The Town of Newtown anticipates applying for the maximum grant amount of \$700,000 under the Public Housing Modernization category for Renovations at Nunnawauk Meadows Senior Housing on Nunnawauk Road.

The public hearing will also give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known on the proposed project and for review of the Program Income Reuse Plan. The Town of Newtown will also discuss the status of its current CDBG projects. If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to Ms. Elizabeth Stocker, Director of Economic and Community Development, Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street Newtown, CT 06470 or you may telephone 203-270-4271. Additional information may be obtained at the above address between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., weekdays.

All are encouraged to attend. The hearing is accessible to the handicapped. Any disabled persons requiring special assistance or non-English speaking persons should contact John Poelt, ADA Coordinator at 203-270-4260 at least five days prior to the hearing.

The Town of Newtown promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

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